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Call to Order

Chairperson Lane Crothers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Senator Borg called the roll and declared a quorum.

Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2002

Motion XXXIV-56: By Senator Maroules, second by Senator Allen, to approve the Academic Senate minutes of November 20, 2002. The minutes were unanimously approved

Chairperson's Remarks

Senator Crothers: Welcomed back Senator Reid to the Senate and expressed his hope that Senator Kurtz would return very soon. He thanked Senate members for being in attendance, as this was the week of final examinations.

Student Government Association President's Remarks

Senator Bathauer: Expressed her appreciation for the student attendance. She reported that there were still several student senator vacancies, including for the College of Fine Arts and the College of Nursing, and encouraged faculty members to identify students in those colleges who would be willing to serve. She also welcomed a new student senator, Jacqueline Philbin.

Administrators' Remarks

· ***President Vic Boschini: Excused Absence***

· ***Provost Al Bowman:*** The University is at a hiring freeze for civil service and Administrative Personnel classifications. We are very concerned about the continued erosion of the State budget. We have asked academic units to hold a portion of their FY03 budgets in the event of a rescission. The hiring freeze is designed to allow the president and the vice presidents to carefully scrutinize every position. We do recognize the great difficulty this could create, particularly for those who are hiring individuals for grants and other critical positions. For that reason, the President will review requests for exceptions.

Senator Brasseur: I just read today that the IBHE has raised the monies for U of I and included in that 2% for faculty raises. Could you comment on ISU's response to that?

Provost Bowman: For our budget, the IBHE has also recommended a 2% raise. However, the projected deficit for FY 04 is over \$3 billion; so, I think the IBHE budget is going to be very difficult to achieve in this fiscal climate unless the state raises new revenue.

Senator Razaki: Sometimes our retired faculty members and administrators are rehired. How many employees of this kind are there and how much does it cost ISU?

Provost Bowman: It actually saves us money when we are able to hire retired faculty members to come back and teach. I see it as a positive. Their salaries are negotiated just as they are for faculty members who teach on a part-time basis.

Senator Radhakrishnan: Will summer school be affected this year?

Provost Bowman: As of today, summer school is not affected. If we were to suffer a rescission in the spring, then we would look at the summer school monies. However, it is something that we want to protect because of the impact that it has on students.

· ***Vice President of Student Affairs Helen Mamarchev:*** Student Affairs is focused on commencement, which is Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Vice President of Finance and Planning Steve Bragg: The Board approved a request of \$124 million in new monies for higher education in Illinois. That is a 4.9% increase. However, most of that increase is going to be consumed by two items in the budget, the State University Retirement System and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. The retirement system is recommended for \$43 million of the \$124 million, which is mandated by statute. The second major allocation is for the Monetary Award Program. Last year, it was cut by about 10% and the IBHE is recommending a restoration of that at about \$38 million. The IBHE has recommended an increase of 2.3% in state tax monies for salary increases. They are recommending a variation on the program that they had in the past, "2+1+1", which is a recommendation of a 2% salary increase and another 1% in state tax funds for recruiting and retaining faculty and staff if the University

matches the 1% by internal reallocation. The IBHE has also recommended at number 11 on their list our life-safety improvement projects for Stevenson and Turner Halls. It would require the State to allocate \$131 million of capital projects to go down the list and include our project, which is about where the State has been in recent years.

Senator Boser: If that appropriation were approved, how quickly would those renovations begin?

Senator Bragg: A realistic timeframe for the release of the monies would be February or March of calendar year 04. Planning would take approximately nine months and construction could start shortly thereafter.

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs Committee

Senator Lindblom: The committee responded to a memo from the Council for General Education that it received regarding the five-year review of the General Education Program. Representatives of the committee and the council met several weeks ago to develop a procedure for that review process.

Administrative Affairs and Budget Committee

Senator Lartz: The committee voted to support the request from the Department of Applied Computer Science to become the School of Information Technology. The committee also voted to support the draft of the 2007-2008 Academic Calendar. Members continued their discussion with the Rules Committee on the Consensual Relations Policy.

Faculty Affairs Committee

Senator Winchip: The committee discussed the ISU golf fee issue and will ask the Director of the golf course to report back to us in early spring regarding the recommendations that the committee suggested. After this meeting, the committee will put together a report for the Senate. The committee continued to discuss the ombudsman position and will seek input from faculty regarding the need for such an individual on campus.

Planning and Finance Committee:

Interim Committee Chairperson Senator Tudor: The committee had a very productive discussion on university-wide, long-term planning with Joe Rives and Pat Jarvis. The committee also recommended a future Senate meeting devoted to budget discussion with possible follow up discussions at subsequent meetings.

Rules Committee:

Senator Reid: The Rules Committee continued its discussion with the Administrative Affairs Committee on the Consensual Relations Policy. A member of the Administrative Affairs Committee, Senator Pryor, has proposed a document that combines the Consensual Relations Policy with the Family Relations Policy, which deals with conflicts of interest. The committee will review that proposal.

Senator Razaki: Did either of the two committees look at what is happening nationwide with these policies and how successful or unsuccessful they are?

Senator Brasseur: Sharon Stanford said that there was an exhaustive process of checking into similar policies and that much of the language in the currently proposed document is based on policies that have been used at other universities.

Senator Crothers: As a member of the Provost Council, which looked at this, I don't know if they looked at whether or not they were successful.

University Anniversary Steering Committee Election

Senator Crothers: They are already planning the 150th annual celebration for Illinois State University. We have a request for the election of a Senate faculty member to serve on the steering committee. Senator Howard has volunteered to serve.

As there were no additional nominations, Senator Howard was elected to the committee by affirmation.

11.08.02.02A Student Involvement Transcripts (Academic Affairs Committee)

Senator Lindblom: Taking your comments and questions of two weeks ago, the Academic Affairs Committee drafted a resolution. We move that the Academic Senate approve the resolution to be delivered to the President and other appropriate members of the University. This resolution does not include any further details about student involvement transcripts than was given two weeks ago. We were not attempting to implement a plan, suggest any particular plan or do any research on student involvement transcripts. We are simply endorsing in principal the concept of a student involvement transcript. We are also acknowledging that the President has already set in motion planning for these transcripts. Additionally, we asked in the resolution that any particular plan come back before the Senate for endorsement before it is implemented. It would be at that time that the Senate would ask questions about costs, verification and other such details.

Motion XXXIV-57: By Senator Lindblom to approve the Student Involvement Transcript Resolution.

Senator Razaki: I was really bothered by the fact that at this stage, President Boschini has already announced plans to implement a student involvement transcript. Why would he do that without first involving the Senate?

Senator Bathauer: The transcripts are in *Educating Illinois*, which the Senate has already approved.

Senator Razaki: Is ISU funding all of the items in *Educating Illinois*?

Senator Bragg: No.

Senator Razaki: I have no problem with creating these transcripts if it is something that is paid for by student fees.

Senator Bathauer: We don't have the resources to find out what the costs are. We are asking the Senate to endorse it and forward it to the President to look into further.

Senator Razaki: According to this resolution, he has already said that he is going to implement it.

Senator Brasseur: I am support, in essence, of students having this. If the President has already announced plans to implement it, I am not sure what our endorsement of the concept would add.

Senator Coliz: These transcripts are going to be developed. I am not sure that it adds anything for us to endorse it. I want to send this resolution back to committee to take out the endorsement by the Senate.

Motion XXXIV-58: By Senator Coliz, second by Senator Razaki, to send the resolution from the Academic Affairs Committee back to committee.

Senator Reid: I am less concerned with the concept than making a point with the President that it is inappropriate to make such policy decisions without first consulting the Senate. It is probably unfair to take this particular action hostage, but I would like to ask if we can formally state to the President that we are upset with his making decisions before we debate them, as happened with the Freedom of Expression Policy.

Senator Crothers: As for the Freedom of Expression Policy, I think you have a very strong case. I think that the language in this resolution is stronger than what the President said in his State of the University Address. I will certainly address the issue with him.

Senator Thomas: I don't recall the exact wording, but it was my understanding that the student involvement transcript concept was a recommendation, not something that is necessarily going to happen.

Senator Lartz: I suggest that we wait until we have more information. I am specifically interested in the costs, to which unit this would be assigned, and if there is a possibility of recording student involvement activities in student portfolios.

Senator Armstrong: I would argue against the motion to return this to committee. If you want to make changes, lets make them now.

Call the Question: By Senator Maroules. There were no objections.

Vote on Motion XXXIV-58: By roll call vote, the motion to send the resolution back to the Academic Affairs Committee failed by a tie vote of 17 yes and 17 no.

Senator Plantholt: I could vote to support the resolution if you removed the phrase, "the Academic Senate hereby endorses in principle the concept of SITs".

Senator Fowles: In the last sentence, it should read "approval" not "discussion and endorsement". If we have to vote on it, it is our approval.

Senator Lindblom: The language about the President announcing plans to implement the SITs is my recollection of his speech. However, we would accept as a friendly amendment striking the entire clause, "whereas President Boschini has already announced plans to implement student involvement transcripts". We would also accept as a friendly amendment changing "discussion and endorsement" to "approval" in the last sentence of the first paragraph of the resolution, but we would not accept omitting "the Academic Senate hereby endorses in principle the concept of SITs".

Senator Crothers: Do we on the Senate review the form and structure of academic transcripts, as they exist currently?

Senator Thomas: Yes, either directly or indirectly. It would pass through Senate because I would view what actually goes on the transcript as an academic standards issue.

Senator Crothers: It is not clear to me that without the language in the resolution that the plan for the student involvement transcript would come back to the Senate for approval.

Senator Maroules: The resolution gives the Senate a way to have oversight when a plan is created.

Vote on Motion XXXIV-57: The motion to approve the resolution involving student involvement transcripts, as amended by the friendly amendments, was approved by voice vote. Those senators voting no were Senator Plantholt and Senator Lartz. The remainder of the Senate voted yes.

Information Item:

11.25.02.02 Foreign Language Graduation Requirement Proposal (Academic Affairs Committee)

Senator Crothers: This item, as is the usual policy, first went to the Consent Agenda. It was subsequently removed due to concerns raised by several senators. It now comes to the full Senate as an information item.

Senator Lindblom: I would like to invite to the table, to answer questions about the Foreign Language Graduation Requirement Proposal, Dean Roberta Trites, Associate Dean Jon Rosenthal and Chairperson of the College Council Chris Horvath.

Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Roberta Trites: The proposal establishes a foreign language graduation requirement for all graduates in the College of Arts and Sciences that can be met in one of three ways; either with three years of foreign language in high school, completion of a second semester of college level foreign language or with an equivalent proficiency exam. Additionally, American Sign Language may be used to fulfill this requirement by transfer credit or by proficiency. It should be noted that over 50% of the incoming freshman at Illinois State University already meet the proposed requirement and 96% of incoming freshman have two years of high school foreign language. We need to internationalize our curriculum by such means as course offerings that focus on international subjects and increasing the percentage of students who study a foreign language. The lack of a foreign language requirement was one of the reasons Illinois State University was unable to acquire a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in our recent bid to do so. The implementation date of the proposal stands right now at academic year 2004-2005. We would like, as a part of this process, to extend that implementation date by a year as a means to inform high school students about this increased graduation requirement. Arts and Sciences graduates 1100 first majors every year. Currently we offer 475 seats of foreign language. We have the resources within the College of Arts of Sciences to create an additional 400 seats, increasing seat availability by 85%. This more than meets the need of 50% of 1100 first majors who might be required to take such courses.

Senator Razaki: What would this do to time to graduation?

Dr. Jon Rosenthal, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences: Currently, in only one case would a program go over the maximum 124 hours for an undergraduate degree. That program is Communication Teacher Education. They are, however, realigning their curriculum and reducing their course load by 2 hours. So, we believe that there will be no exception to the 124 hours.

Senator Bathauer: Do the eight credit hours in the proposal refer to two four-credit-hour classes? Also, when will this be implemented?

Dr. Rosenthal: Yes, two four-hour classes. The implementation date in the document is 2004-2005, but in order that we may have time to inform high schools and community colleges about this requirement, we are asking that that timeline be extended to 2005-2006.

Senator Fowles: Are there standardized tests for incoming freshmen already in place?

Dr. Rosenthal: Yes.

Senator Mehta: What are the requirements for students who know English as a second language?

Dr. Rosenthal: They will be exempt by virtue of having fulfilled a certain level of education in their language.

Senator Pryor: Dr. Trites mentioned that the lack of a foreign language requirement caused a problem with having a Phi Beta Kappa chapter here. Is this enough?

Dr. Trites: I don't know the answer; I suspect not. There was more than one factor, but this is a step in the right direction.

Senator Winchip: In your proposal under the anticipated staffing arrangements, it reads, "additional sections are likely to be staffed by Master's Degree candidates". Is that the current practice now?

Dr. Rosenthal: Yes.

Senator Reid: Given the increasing number of applications and the growing level of ACTs, is it likely that *fewer* than 50% of incoming freshmen will need to take foreign languages at ISU in 2005-2006?

Dr. Trites: It is likely that it will be a much smaller percentage.

Senator Lindblom: The Academic Affairs Committee did attach a three-year review of the requirement so that we could be sure that the College of Arts and Sciences' numbers did pan out as planned. That review would occur in the fourth year of the program.

Senator Reid: In three years, will we review only whether we are able to finance this or will we review the whole program?

Senator Lindblom: I believe that the review would be open-ended.

Senator Razaki: Is high school teaching of foreign languages comparable to the level at which we teach it?

Dr. Horvath: Students who have two years of high school language normally place in our second semester foreign language courses. The rule of thumb is that one year in high school is equivalent to one semester of college.

Motion XXXIV-59: By Senator Lindblom, second by Senator Plantholt, to move the foreign language graduation requirement to action. The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion XXXIV-60: By Senator Lindblom to approve the foreign language graduation requirement proposal.

Senator Boser: The distinction we have between a B.A. and a B.S. is simply a foreign language requirement. This requirement turns all degrees into Bachelor of Arts degrees.

Senator Rosenthal: The Bachelor of Arts degree requires a third semester of foreign language. The Bachelor of Science degree substitutes a quantitative reasoning course for the third semester foreign language course and requires an additional science, math or technology course beyond the General Education package. There are numerous differences between the degree paths.

Call the Question: By Senator Mehta. There were no objections.

Vote on Motion XXXIV-60: The foreign language requirement proposal was unanimously approved.

Communications:

11.07.02.01	Italian Studies Minor - Approved on Senate Consent Agenda 11/22/02
11.08.02.04	Food Industry Management Sequence – Approved on Senate Consent Agenda 11/25/02
11.11.02.01	Math Statistics Sequence – Approved on Senate Consent Agenda 11/25/02

Motion XXXIV-61: By Senator Maroules, second by Senator Fowles, to move into Executive Session.

Adjournment

Motion XXXIV-62: To adjourn. The motion was approved by standing vote.

ATTENDANCE AND MOTIONS		NV = NON-VOTING						
		Approval of Minutes	Approval of SIT	Send SIT Back to Committee	Move Foreign Lang. Requirement to Action	Approval of Foreign Lang. Requirement	Move into Executive Session	Adjourn
SENATORS	Attendance	Motion 56	Motion 57	Motion 58	Motion 59	Motion 60	Motion 61	Motion 62
		Unanimous	Approved	Tie Vote; Motion Fails	Unanimous	Unanimous	Unanimous	Unanimous
ALLEN	X		YES	YES				
ANDERSON	X		YES	NO				
APER	X		YES	NO				
ARMSTRONG	X		YES	NO				
ASHBY (Deans Council Rep.)	X	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	
BARONE (Chair of Chairs Council)	X	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	

BATHAUER	X		YES	YES				
BAUM	X		YES	YES				
BERG	ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT				
BORG	X		YES	YES				
BOSCHINI	EXCUSED	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	
BOSER	X		YES	NO				
BOWMAN	X	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	
BRAGG	X	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	
BRASSEUR	X		YES	YES				
BURK	X		YES	YES				
CLEMMONS	X		YES	NO				
COLIZ	X		YES	YES				
CROTHERS	X		YES	YES				
CRUMPLER	X		YES	NO				
CUNNINGHAM	X		YES	NO				
DEUTSCH	ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT				
FEASTER	ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT				
FOWLES	X		YES	YES				
GAYLOR	X		YES	NO				
HAMPTON	X		YES	NO				
HOLLAND	X		YES	NO				
HOWARD	EXCUSED		EXCUSED	EXCUSED				
KUGLIN	ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT				
KURTZ	EXCUSED		EXCUSED	EXCUSED				
LACIO	ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT				
LANDAU	ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT				
LARTZ	X		NO	YES				
LIGUNAS	ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT				
LINDBLOM	X		YES	NO				
MAMARCHEV	X	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	
MAROULES	X	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	
McGINNIS	EXCUSED	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	
MECKSTROTH	EXCUSED		EXCUSED	EXCUSED				
MEHTA	X		YES	YES				
MEYER	X		YES	NO				
MOHAMMADI	ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT				

NIEMANN	X		YES	NO				
NUR-AWALEH	ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT				
O'BRIEN	ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT				
O'DONNELL	ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT				
PATEL	ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT				
PHILBIN	X		YES	NO				
PLANTHOLT	X		NO	YES				
PRYOR	X		YES	YES				
RADHAKRISHNAN	X		YES	YES				
RAZAKI	X		YES	YES				
REID	X		YES	NO				
REYNOLDS	X		YES	NO				
THOMAS	X	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	
TUDOR	X		YES	YES				
VIRGIL	ABSENT		ABSENT	ABSENT				
WATERSTRAAT	X		YES	NO				
WINCHIP	X		YES	YES				

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